

## Largest Employers in Barron County

These employers provide over  
2 in every 5 jobs in the county

### Employer Name

Jennie-O Turkey Store Inc  
St Croix Casino  
Rice Lake Public School  
County of Barron  
Lakeview Medical Center Inc  
Coop Educational Service Agency #11  
SCI Enclosures LLC  
Quanex Corp (Nichols-Homeshield)  
Wal-Mart Associates Inc  
Rice Lake Weighing Systems Inc  
Johnson Truck Bodies Inc  
McCain Foods USA Inc  
Barron Area School District  
Mastercraft Industries Inc  
Cumberland Memorial Hospital Inc  
Barron Memorial Medical Center Inc-  
Truth Hardware (Wright Products)  
3M Company  
Ardisam Inc  
First American Enterprises Inc  
Menard, Inc.  
Cumberland School District  
Marketplace Foods of Rice Lake Inc  
Wis. Indianhead Technical College  
City of Chetek  
American Excelsior Co  
City of Rice Lake  
Chetek Public School  
Automated Building Components  
Cameron Public School  
Courtesy Corp - McDonald's  
Besse Forest Products (Birchwood Mfg)  
Farm & Fleet Rice Lake Inc  
Parker Hannifin Corp  
School District of Turtle Lake

### Product or Service

Poultry Processing  
Casinos (except Casino Hotels)  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Executive & Legis. Offices, Combined  
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals  
Administration of Education Programs  
All Other Plastics Product Mfg  
Metal Window & Door Mfg  
Discount Department Stores  
Scale & Balance (except Laboratory) Mfg  
Motor Vehicle Body Mfg  
Frozen Specialty Food Mfg  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Wood Kit. Cabinet & Countertop Mfg  
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals  
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Hardware Mfg  
Abrasive Product Mfg  
Lawn, Garden Tractor & Garden Eq. Mfg  
Nursing Care Facilities  
Home Centers  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Sprmrkts/Othr Groc.(not Conv) Stores  
Junior Colleges  
Executive & Legis. Offices, Combined  
All Other Misc. Wood Product Mfg  
Executive & Legis. Offices, Combined  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Engineered Wd. Mmbr (not Truss) Mfg  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Limited-Service Restaurants  
Hardwood Veneer & Plywood Mfg  
All Other General Merchandise Stores  
Fluid Power Valve & Hose Fitting Mfg  
Elementary & Secondary Schools

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, June 2003

**For more information:** [www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi)  
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## Job Centers in West Central Wisconsin

Barron Co. Job Center  
113 N. Main St.  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
715-234-6826

Chippewa Co. Job Center  
13 E. Spruce St.  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-726-2551

Clark Co. Job Center  
501 Hewitt St.  
Neillsville, WI 54456  
715-743-4631

Dunn Co. Job Center  
401 Technology Dr.  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
715-232-7380 ext.127

Eau Claire Job Center  
221 W. Madison St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715-836-5165

Pepin Co. Job Center  
316 W. Madison St.  
Durand, WI 54736  
715-672-8801

Pierce Co. Job Center  
388 W. Main St.  
Ellsworth, WI 54011  
715-273-6788

Polk Co. Job Center  
404 Main St.  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
715-485-3115

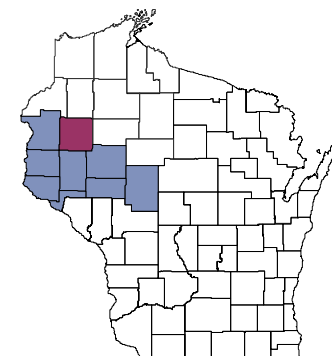
St. Croix Co. Job Center  
240 Wisconsin Dr. #110  
New Richmond, WI 54017  
715-246-6790 ext.105

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# BARRON COUNTY

## LABOR MARKET

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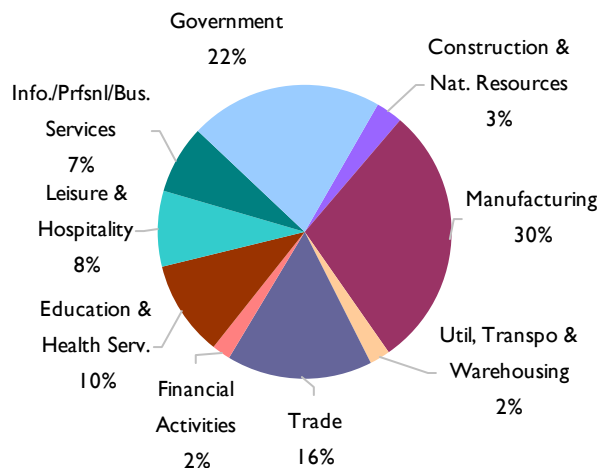
### Barron County...

is one of nine counties in the West Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. The county has a large manufacturing base and because of this attracts workers from neighboring counties.

Nearly one-third of the jobs in the county are with manufacturing employers, some of them are among the largest employers in the county who produce a full range of

products from food to doors to plastics. The second largest source of jobs is government, including local school districts and tribal operations, and some employers are among the county's largest. Workers in manufacturing in 2002 had an annual average wage of \$28,062, while government workers earned \$25,599. The annual average wage for all workers in the county was \$24,187, roughly 75 percent of the annual average for all workers in the state of \$32,422.

### Employment by Industry In Barron County: 2003



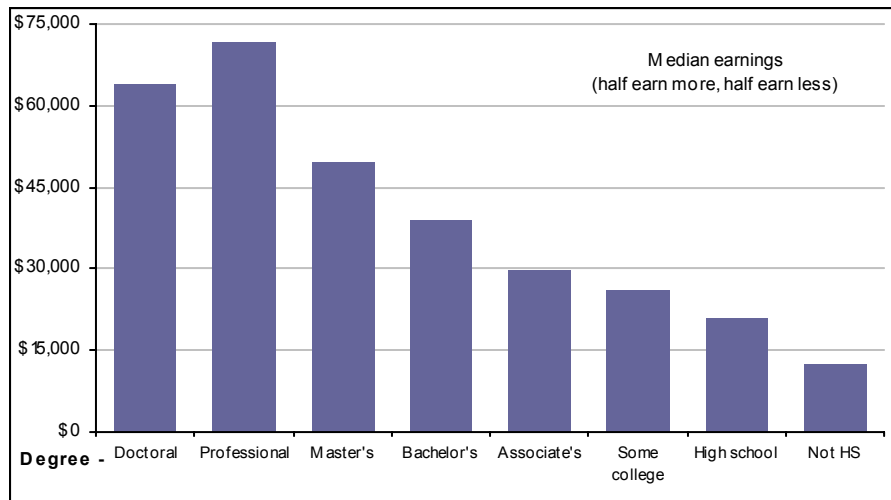
## Occupations in demand in West Central Wisconsin

	Top Ten Occupations	Education & Training Typically Required*	Average Wage**
<b>Fastest Growth</b>	Computer Scientists, NEC	Bachelor's degree	\$ 22.63
	Lawn Service Managers	Work exp. inrelated occ.	NA
	Special Agents, Insurance	Bachelor's degree	\$ 11.59
	Economists	Bachelor's degree	\$ 26.69
	Physics Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Physical Science Teachers, NEC	Doctor's degree	\$ 46,900
	Economics Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Political Science Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Health Practitioners, NEC	First Professional degree	NA
	Brokerage Clerks	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	NA
<b>Most Openings</b>	Cashiers	1-month or less training	\$ 7.38
	Retail Salespersons	1-month or less training	\$ 8.77
	Waiters & Waitresses	1-month or less training	\$ 7.87
	Office Clerks, General	1-month or less training	\$ 10.18
	Food Prep/Service Workers, Fst Fd	1-month or less training	\$ 7.02
	General Mgrs & Top Execs	Work exp. plus a degree	\$ 31.83
	Food Preparation Workers	1-month or less training	\$ 8.15
	Teachers, Secondary School	Bachelor's degree	\$ 38,300
	Registered Nurses	Associate degree	\$ 20.81
	Truck Drivers, Heavy	Vocational training	\$ 20.77

\* The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

\*\* Wages from balance-of-state for western counties, 2002

## National Median Annual Earnings by Education: 2001



Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, March 2001

## Wages for 40 Occupations with the most workers

in the labor market area including Barron, Burnett, Clark, Rusk, and Taylor counties. These counties are grouped because 1) they share similar employment and wages AND 2) together met the minimum standard of 40,000 jobs needed to publish wage information. Hourly wage data was collected from local employers in 2002.

**Nearly half of all jobs in this area are in the occupations on this list!**

Occupation (ranked by employment)	Lowest 10% Wage*	Average/ hour	Middle range* *
Retail Salespersons	\$5.94	\$10.20	\$6.80 – \$12.23
Cashiers	\$5.77	\$7.36	\$6.33 – \$8.29
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$10.46	\$16.45	\$12.60 – \$20.38
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$6.64	\$10.13	\$8.26 – \$11.39
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Hskpg. Cleaners	\$6.39	\$9.75	\$7.54 – \$11.59
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education		\$40,569 (Annual average wage)	
Combined Food Prep./Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	\$5.46	\$6.40	\$5.80 – \$6.86
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$6.84	\$10.85	\$8.67 – \$13.14
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$8.87	\$11.62	\$9.60 – \$13.21
Team Assemblers	\$7.39	\$11.14	\$9.31 – \$13.27
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$7.82	\$9.69	\$8.70 – \$10.77
Office Clerks, General	\$6.93	\$10.37	\$8.68 – \$12.16
Teacher Assistants		\$18,029 (Annual average wage)	
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$5.99	\$8.40	\$6.60 – \$9.97
Helpers--Production Workers	\$7.04	\$11.89	\$9.77 – \$13.80
General & Operations Managers	\$14.64	\$32.50	\$19.99 – \$41.85
Registered Nurses	\$16.22	\$21.40	\$18.21 – \$24.41
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$9.92	\$14.63	\$12.34 – \$16.93
Construction Laborers	\$8.77	\$13.68	\$11.77 – \$14.91
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngrs. of Prod./Operating Workers	\$12.05	\$19.07	\$14.64 – \$22.35
Food Preparation Workers	\$6.04	\$7.67	\$6.71 – \$8.48
Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$8.89	\$11.89	\$9.51 – \$14.92
Production Workers, All Other	\$8.27	\$13.67	\$10.93 – \$16.25
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$6.36	\$7.95	\$7.36 – \$8.63
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$7.71	\$10.95	\$9.39 – \$12.65
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers	\$6.12	\$10.13	\$6.73 – \$12.78
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$7.85	\$12.83	\$9.68 – \$15.17
Carpenters	\$9.11	\$14.47	\$12.12 – \$16.29
Machinists	\$11.07	\$15.06	\$12.87 – \$17.08
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngrs. of Retail Sales Workers	\$8.55	\$15.48	\$10.65 – \$17.02
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$8.30	\$12.80	\$9.66 – \$15.48
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$6.52	\$9.95	\$7.79 – \$12.28
Cutt/Punch/Press Mach. Setters/Ops/Tendr, Mtl.-Plastic	\$9.91	\$13.39	\$11.62 – \$15.50
Bus Drivers, School	\$8.79	\$10.02	\$9.47 – \$10.83
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	\$6.07	\$9.39	\$6.72 – \$12.10
Sales Reps, Whsl. & Mfg., Except Tech./Scientific Prod.	\$10.41	\$18.83	\$12.86 – \$21.17
Shipping, Receiving, & Traffic Clerks	\$7.35	\$10.94	\$8.74 – \$13.00
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$9.43	\$12.94	\$10.58 – \$14.73
Home Health Aides	\$7.22	\$8.39	\$7.79 – \$9.08
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$8.79	\$11.86	\$10.11 – \$13.53

\* only 10% of wages are lower

\*\*middle 50% of wages (25% are lower and 25% are higher)